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In re the application of

Chean Wee Leong et al.

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Filed: 12/22/99

For: **SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF  
MANUFACTURE INITIATION OF BIDDING IN A  
VIRTUAL TRADE FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated June 6, 2000, 2000, Applicants hereby attach the copy of the Notice to be returned with this response. We respectfully request that the inventors who are listed as have a "missing signature", be removed from the case, their names were listed in error on the Transmittal in the filing of the Patent Application, and we intentionally omitted their names from the declaration for that reason. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned if this needs to be discussed further.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees, including extension of time fees, that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-0797 (Order No. AND1P397). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 05/15/2000 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 02/04/2000 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
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***A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.***

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